



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held September 5, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“Los Angeles County has over 1 million adult smokers and approximately 74,000 youth smokers between the ages of 14 and 17. One in every seven county deaths is caused by cigarette smoking. Tobacco related illnesses cost to Los Angeles County economy is \$4.3 billion per year, of which \$2.3 billion is spent on direct medical costs. Some of these costs have been offset by funds generated from the State’s tobacco excise tax, which is currently 87 cents per pack of cigarettes. These tax revenues have also helped to establish tobacco prevention and cessation programs in the Department of Public Health that reduced the prevalence of smoking in Los Angeles County. In order to continue and, more importantly, expand our efforts to prevent and treat tobacco related diseases, additional revenues are needed.

“The Tobacco Tax Act of 2006, Proposition 86 on the November ballot, will provide statewide funding for the provision of health services by raising the tobacco excise tax by \$2.60 per pack of cigarettes. The initiative will generate approximately \$2.1 billion in annual revenues for hospital emergency services, cancer prevention and treatment programs, nurse education, and health insurance for children. The funds will be allocated as follows: 52.75% (\$1 billion) for health treatment and services, 42.25% (\$810 million) for health maintenance and disease prevention, and 5% (\$95 million) for health and disease research; as well as backfill funding in an estimated amount of \$180 million for Proposition 10 (First 5). If enacted, Proposition 86 will provide Los Angeles County with approximately \$96 million per year starting in Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Passage of Proposition 86 will provide an important revenue stream to support the county’s healthcare delivery system.”

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Lori Kundrat, Palanda Brownlow and Colleen Callahan addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Burke and Yaroslavsky; Noes: Supervisors Knabe and Antonovich, the Board endorsed Proposition 86, the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006, which will provide additional Statewide funding for hospital emergency services, cancer prevention and treatment programs, nurse education, and health insurance for children, with the County to receive approximately \$96 million per year starting in Fiscal Year 2007-08 to support the County's healthcare delivery system; and urged all voters in Los Angeles County to vote "Yes" on this ballot measure on November 7, 2006.

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